(c) the number of transmitters proposed to be installed during the current year; and

(d) the number of transmitters proposed to be upgraded during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JA1PAL REDDY): (a) One High Power TV transmitter (HPT) and 17 Low Power Transmitters (LPT) were installed during 1994-95, 10 LPTs were installed in 1995-96 and 5 LPTs during the year 1996-97.

(b) The total percentage coverage of area and population including these transmitters in the State are 79.6 and 83.1 respectively.

(c) and (d) Two High Power Transmitters (1) in replacement of existing Low Power transmitter and another in replacement of existing High Power (IKW) transmitter, 14 Low Power Transmitters, 13 Very Low Power Transmitters and 2 Transposers are presently at various stages of implementation, in Orissa.

आकाशवाणी तथा दूरदर्शन महानिदेशक की नियुक्ति और स्वानान्तरण के संबंध में प्रक्रिया

3304. **श्री राम गोपाल यादव**:

श्री राम ईश दत्त यादव:

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन में महानिदेशक और सामान स्तर के अधिकारियों की नियुक्ति और स्थानान्तरण किसी प्रक्रिया के अधीन किए जाते है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी प्रक्रिया क्या है और क्या ऐसी प्रक्रिया का अनुपालन किया जाता है, यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार के पास इस संबंध में कोई पूर्व उदाहरण है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री एस. जयपाल रेड्डी): (क) आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन के महानिदेशक पदों पर नियुक्ति संबंधित भर्ती नियमों द्वारा शासित की जाती है। तथापि, आकाशवाणी तथा दूरदर्शन के महानिदेशकों के स्थानांतरण के लिए कोई नियत मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांत नहीं है। आकाशवाणी तथा दूरदर्शन में समान श्रेणी का कोई पद नहीं है।

(ख)संबंधित भर्ती नियमों के प्रावधानों के अनुसार, महानिदेशक, आकाशवाणी/दूरदर्शन की नियुक्ति के लिए प्रतिनियुक्ति पर स्थानांतरण पदोन्नति संबंधि पद्धति और इसके विफल होने पर सीधी भर्ती की पद्धति को अपनाया जाता है। इसी प्रक्रिया को अपनाते हुए श्री शिव शर्मा, पूर्व महानिदेशक, दूरदर्शन और श्री एस. के. कपूर, महानिदेशक आकाशवाणी की नियुक्ति की गई थी।

Separate Marathl Channel under Mumbai Doordarshan

3305. SHRI NUKESH PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government have requested to start a separate Marathi Channel under Mumbai Doordarshan in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra had only asked for allotment of additional 90 minutes on Channel No. 1 for telecasting Marathi programmes exclusively between Monday to Friday.

(b) Doordarshan has offered 60 minutes before 9.30 a.m. on its Regional Languages Satellite service in Marathi for this purpose.

Boycott of the 28th International Film Festival of India by FFI

3306. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION

AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Film Federation of India boycotted the 28th International Film Festival of India held this January in Thiruvananthapuram;

(b) the reasons for boycott by the FFI; and

(c) what steps were taken by Government to ensure that IFFI did not lose its purpose and lustre?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The Film Federation of India did not officially participate in the festival due to lack of consensus over the choice of the chief guest for the inagural function.

(c) The festival, over the years, has been attracting outstanding films from all over the world and is now an important event on the international cultural calendar. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to enssure that the festival provides the best of world and Indian cinema to film-makers, technicians, artistes, critics, students of cinema and film lovers in the country.

Negative projection of Leaders of opposition by Chennai Doordarshan

3307. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc aware thai Chennai (Madras) Doordarshan has been indulging in negative projection of leaders of opposition parties in Tamil Nadu with malafide intention; and

(b) what action Government propose to take to ensure that the Doordarshan functions impartially?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) All Doordarshan Kcndras, including the one at Chennai (Madras) arc strictly following the Broadcast Code which, inter-alia, does not permit depiction in a bad light or negative projection of any public figure, much less leaders of recognised political parties, whether in government or in opposition.

(b) Docs not arise.

Serious discontentment among T.V. Ncws-Corrcspondcnt

3308. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious discontentment amongst the T.V. News Correspondents, Assistant News Correspondent for want of lack of working facilities and promotional avenues which has forced several officers to leave the organisation; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have received any communication from Members of Parliament in' this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) A few representations have been received mainly for providing promotional avenues to TV News Correspondents etc.

(c) It has been agreed, in principle, to create posts of TV Special news Correspondents in the higher grade to provide promotional avenues to TV News Correspondents.

Standard eduction programme to he Televised in each School/College.

3309. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Standard Education Programme on various subject can be compiled and televised in each High School/Higher Secondary School and in